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Office Action Summary

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Brent A. Swarthout

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 January 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 10-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8 and 9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 5, line 2 "such as" is indefinite.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

a. Claims 1,2,4-6 and 10-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nelson in view of Mardirossian.

Nelson discloses an aircraft anti-crash system for controlling an airplane by autopilot responsive to commands from a remote guidance facility (abstract), the ground station inherently using communicating and computing means in order to provide guidance back to an aircraft, except for specifically stating that control is automatic.

Mardirossian discloses automatic control of an aircraft from a ground facility 29 in order to prevent crash into undesired areas (abstract).

It would have been obvious to use automatic control as suggested by Mardirossian in conjunction with an aircraft protection system as disclosed by Nelson, in order to more quickly gain control over an aircraft when it is not properly controlled.

Regarding claim 5, Mardirossian uses control by proper authorities

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Regarding claim 6, Mardirossian allows monitoring of aircraft functions such as altitude (col.3, line 33).

Regarding claim 15, Nelson teaches ability to control aircraft from another aircraft (col.5, line 52).

Regarding claim 16, Nelson teaches control by government security authorities (col.5, lines 34-35).

3. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nelson in view of Mardirossian and McBain.

McBain teaches desirability of controlling an aircraft on a course away from protected objects as established before an aircraft takes off (col.5, lines 21-35).

It would have been obvious to use a set course to control an aircraft in a system as disclosed by Nelson and Mardirossian in order to prevent an aircraft from crashing into protected objects.

4. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nelson in view of Mardirossian and Murray et al.

Mardirossian teaches desirability of transmitting video data from an aircraft to ground (col. 3, line 37), except for use of audio feed.

Murray teaches desirability of providing audio cockpit data to a remote station in order to monitor cockpit conditions during an emergency (col. 14, lines 13-23).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to include audio data for transmission to a central station as suggested by Murray in conjunction with a system as disclosed by Nelson and Mardirossian, in order to more accurately determine cockpit conditions so as to be able to best control an aircraft for specific conditions .

5. Claims 8-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brent A. Swarthout whose telephone number is 571-272-2979. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 6:30 to 4:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeff Hofsass, can be reached on 571-272-2981. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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